Amount Sanctioned Under Calamity Relief fund to Rajasthan

*485. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned during 1995-96 and 1996-97 under the Calamity Relief Fund, year-wise;

(b) the amount till date paid/released by the Central Government to Rajasthan, year-wise;

(c) if not amount has been paid, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the State Government has subscribed its share fully to calamity Relief Fund in 1995-96; and if so, the Central balance due to Rajasthan till-date?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) In accordance with the recommendations of the Xth Finance Commission amounts of Rs. 1130.26 crores and Rs. 1197.55 crores have been allocated in the Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) for all States for the years 1995-96 and 1996-97 respectively. 75% of the CRF is provided by the Government of India as Central share. The Central share amounts to Rs. 847.71 crores and Rs. 898.15 crores in 1995-96 and 1996-97 respectively.

(b) The entire Central share of CRF for 1995-96 amounting to Rs. 126.74 crores was released in 1995-96. Three instalments of Central share of the CRF for 1996-97 amounting to Rs. 100.71 crores have been released including the third quarterly instalment in advance on 12th July, 1996 which was otherwise due on 1st October, 1996.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The State Government has intimated that it has contributed its share of CRF for 1995-96. The Central share to-date has already been released to the State Government.

Financial position of fertilizer companies

*486. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the profit and loss position of the fertilizer companies under public and co-operative sectors for the last three years;

(b) whether any of them is incurring loss, if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to formulate any schemes/measures to make them profitable; and

(d) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SHEES RAM OLA): (a) The profits/losses of the fertilizer manufacturing enterprises of the Central public/cooperative sector during the last three years are given in the statement. (*see* below)

(b) to (d) Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited (FCI) and Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Limited (HFC) were declared as sick companies by the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) in 1992. The losses of these companies are attributable mainly to low capacity utilisation due to technological and design deficiencies, ageing of plants, frequent equipment breakdowns, constraints in the supply of inputs and utilities and problems of liquidity. The revival packages formulated to restore the financial health of HFC and FCI, which were approved in principle in April, 1995, envisaged the revamp of Durgapur, Barauni and Namrup units of HFC and Sindri, Ramagundam and Talcher units of FCI. The revival packages entailed a fresh investment of Rs. 2201.13 crore (464.93 crore for HFC and 1736.20 crore for FCI) at 1994 price levels, apart from other financial reliefs to these undertakings. Since the revamp of Haldia project of HFC and Gorakhpur unit of FCI was not found to be techno-economically viable, it was proposed to